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DAVID ALEXANDER TODD

David Alexander Todd was born December 4, 1868, at Heber City, Utah, during the Blackhawk Indian war. He was a son of Thomas Todd and Margaret Shankland Todd and was the youngest in a family of nine children. He married Josephine Marie Moulton at Heber City on November 28, 1907, and five children were born to them: Dean M., Blaine A., Roy M., Ray M. and Josie. His wife and three of the children, Dean, Roy and Josie, are living at this time. Dean is married to Lois May Wherritt, Roy married LaRae Murdock Rhees and Josie married Grant Murdock Hicken.

David Alexander Todd was an old-fashioned American cowboy. He was not only the son of a pioneer family, but he may be classed as a pioneer in his own right. He helped subdue and build this county. While others were building roads in the valleys, he was blazing and building trails in the mountains.

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Josephine Moulton Todd

In 1896 he helped to lay off the Wasatch Forest to the west of Heber. He and David N. Murdock took two pack mules loaded with surveying equipment to the top of Mt. Timpanogos and camped there overnight. So far as is known, this is the only instance of a camp ever being pitched for the night on top of this mountain. Several years later he assisted in the removal of 500 head of cattle from Antelope Island, in the middle of Great Salt Lake, to make room for a herd of buffalo. This was a very difficult task, because the lake was so high. The cattle had not been handled for years and were as wild as deer. They were finally loaded on a raft to cross the lake, and then were driven to Strawberry Valley.

He was a cattleman by profession, and always owned a fine herd of well-bred animals. He also was a lover of fine horses. His entire life was devoted to livestock and farming.

David Alexander Todd died on February 10, 1940, at Heber City, Utah, at 79 years of age. He was buried in Heber City Cemetery.